

## PICNIC SHELTER RULES AND REGULATIONS

**PARK HOURS:** Gates are closed at sunset and are opened at sunrise the next day. Only an emergency will warrant opening of gates after sunset.

**City Code 26-22**

### **GENERAL BEHAVIOR:**

- Gambling is prohibited. **City Code 16-2**
- No person shall deface or remove department signs, structures, or barriers.
- No person shall remove or injure any plants, trees, flowers, or rocks found on park property. **City Code 26-32**
- No person shall engage in fighting or violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior; or engage in any other activity which violates any city or state code.
- All equipment will only be placed on the assigned picnic shelter rented.
- Any equipment left unoccupied will be removed and disposed of.
- Picnickers will be responsible to pay for any and all damages that occur to the shelter during your rental time at Sandy Bottom Nature Park
- All refuse and garbage is to be placed in the trash receptacles provided throughout the park, place extra garbage in bags next to receptacles, clean tables and benches. **City Code 32.1-5**
- The picnic area used shall be cleaned up and restored to its prior condition.
- No burning of trash is permitted.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** *CONSUMPTION, POSSESSION SELLING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME IN THE PARK. EVIDENCE OF ALCOHOL USE WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF YOUR PERMIT AND POSSIBLE CRIMINAL CHARGES.*

**City Code 24-13.1 , City Code 26-35**

**COOKING EQUIPMENT:** **NO DEEP FRYERS AND NO COOKING WITH OIL.** Picnic shelters have a limited number of barbecue grills available for use during your rental. If you need additional cooking capacity you are welcome to bring your own self-contained barbecue units into the park. It is strongly recommended to bring gas grills rather than charcoal grills. *You are responsible for the SAFE removal of the coals. Do not dump coals in the park or in the trash cans, do not burn wood or branches in a barbecue unit.*

**DECORATIONS:** **ABSOLUTELY NO CONFETTI, NO RICE, NO BALLOONS OR STREAMERS OF ANY KIND MAY BE USED.**

**PICNIC TABLES:** PICNIC TABLES ARE NOT TO BE MOVED OFF OF CONCRETE SHELTER BASE. Please remove table cloths, tape and all food from tables. DO NOT use nails or staples on tables. Do not cook or cut on tables.

**GAMES:** NO bouncy equipment, air jumpers, Inflatables, badminton, volleyball, horseshoes, water balloons, dunk tanks and NO radio controlled boats, planes or vehicles.

**AMPLIFIED SOUND/MUSIC:** Electrical hook-up for amplification of music (of an kind), requires approval from Hampton Parks and Recreation Department. Music must be played at a volume so as not to disturb other park guest users or neighborhood residents. Keep radios/ electronic playing devices at a sound level that does not go beyond the picnic shelter you reserved. Permission for amplified sound may be revoked at any time if deemed disruptive.

**SWIMMING:** **No swimming is allowed in the park.**

**FISHING:** **Fishing is only permitted from the fishing pier or the Jon boats.** **City Code 26-35**

**FIREWORKS:** Fireworks and pyrotechnic displays prohibited **City Code 14.14**

**PARKING/VEHICLE ACCESS:** Parking is limited and available only on a first-come first-serve basis. All group users are advised and encouraged to carpool to free up other parking spots. Due to the safety of all park users, vehicle access is restricted to the parking lot only. Vehicles may not be driven or parked on grass areas, sidewalks and services paths. If you have equipment or people that require assistance into the park, please consider alternate arrangements in advance when planning your event. Vehicles parked in “NO PARKING” or “RESERVED” areas, or left in the park after closing, will be towed at the owners risk and expense.

**SOLICITATION & SALES:** You are not permitted to sell, solicit, peddle, rent any goods/wares, or collect any money within the Park unless you obtain prior written permission from the Park Manager.

**SIGNS:** All temporary signs, banners, trail markers, directional signs, etc., are to be set only with the permission of park staff and should be approved 1 week prior to your activity. All temporary signs must be removed at the end of the activity.

**PETS:** ALL PETS MUST BE ON A LEASH. YOU MUST CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS.

**SUBLETTING:** Subletting is not permissible and it invalidates any User Permit.

**SALE OF GOODS:** There is to be no selling of any goods on park property without permission from the Park Manager.

**ACTIVITY:** Any activity besides picnicking must be approved by the Park Manager before hand and a City Special Event Permit may be required.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:** The picnic shelters are **COVERED.** Refunds will not be given for inclement weather for the picnic shelters. Hampton City Code prohibits refunds on picnic shelters. Rescheduling of reservations can only be done between M-F 9am-3pm, is subject to availability, and must be requested at least 2 weekdays prior to your scheduled date. Otherwise, Sandy Bottom Nature Park can attempt to reschedule only in the case of life-threatening inclement weather (i.e. hurricanes, tornados, ongoing lightning storms).

**TERMINATION:** Sandy Bottom Nature Park reserves the absolute right, at any time prior to or during your use of any rental facility(s), to cancel your reservation and to terminate this agreement at the sole discretion of the Park Manager or the Parks and Recreation Department in the event of emergency, casualty, physical damage to the property or building, or other occurrence, rendering the rental facility(s) unsuitable or unsafe for use by you, or which requires use of the rental facility(s) for emergency purposes. Such occurrences include, without limitation, any of the following: Fire, flood, weather damage, other casualties or acts of God causing physical damage to the Sandy Bottom Nature Park rental facility(s).

The making of improvements, alteration or repairs required by law or otherwise necessary to put or maintain the building and facilities in a safe and fully functional condition, including unexpected delays in the completion of such repairs, improvements, or alterations, creating an emergency situation on the property.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The user group will be responsible for any and all damage to the City’s premises, equipment and property. If, after an activity, additional maintenance is required (in excess of normal cleaning services /time), the user group will be charged accordingly. The user group will be held responsible for all actions, behavior and damages caused by his/her guest/ attendees. The city has the right to revoke any permit(s) issued due to the group causing damage to the park, inappropriate behavior, not abiding by the rules & regulations.

**PUBLIC PLACE:** Thank you for considering the use of Sandy Bottom Nature Park for your event. The staff at Sandy Bottom Nature Park is dedicated to helping you have an experience that meets your expectations in this natural setting. At the same time, it should be noted that Sandy Bottom Nature Park is a public place. This means that a variety of other events – such as parties, family reunions, relay races, etc. – may be taking place nearby in the park at the time of your event. This is in keeping with the city’s goal to make park areas available and accessible to the public. It means that having a reservation may not guarantee parking next to the facility being rented. During your event you may also be aware of the presence of others who are meeting nearby. Sandy Bottom is a beautiful park area that has much to offer. We are glad you are making plans to enjoy it, and we appreciate your understanding.

**NATURE CENTER:** We welcome all guests to enjoy our Nature Center. However, we ask that children be well behaved and accompanied by an adult at all times. The staff of Sandy Bottom has the power to ask disruptive children to leave if they pose a threat to the animals or merchandise. Parents or responsible adults will be held responsible for any damage done by children while in the Nature Center.

**USE AGREEMENT:** I agree to abide by the rules governing the use of the Sandy Bottom Nature Park facilities set forth above and agree to be responsible for any damages done to the Picnic shelter(s) by my group as determined by the park staff. Hampton Parks & Recreation Department maintains the right and authority to amend or cancel this permit at anytime should the applicant fail to abide by conditions agreed to or if public safety and welfare so dictate. These documents represent department policy pertaining to day-to-day administration and management of public campgrounds and day-use facilities to ensure the enjoyment and safety of our visitors.

Violation of any park rules & regulations is ground for eviction and possible criminal charges. Anyone who is evicted is not entitled to a refund.

*City of Hampton, Virginia*